

ascertaining the actual traffic at that stage, need for the provision of paved shoulder may be considered at suitable locations in consultation with Government of Orissa depending upon the availability of funds and also *inter se* priority of works.

Financing of future highway projects

370. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is likely to stop financing future highway projects on a Build-operate-Transfer annuity, and Government and NHAI have found that BoT (annuity) model is unfeasible because private developers usually over-estimate project cost;

(b) whether his Ministry was considering using a hybrid model of annuity, toll and viability gap funding which would provide 40 per cent annuity and would also pass on toll collection to the developer; and

(c) whether there are about 17 projects under Phase- I, II, III and V of NHDP being executed by private sector companies which have contributed to Government by giving negative grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) It has been decided to award National Highways Development Project (NHDP) contracts on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis (either based on Toll or Annuity) as far as possible.

(c) Out of the contracts awarded so far by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on BOT Toll basis under NHDP Phases-I, II, III and V, the concessionaires have offered negative grant in 18 contracts either on upfront basis or payable in different years of concession period.

Work on NHs in A.P.

371. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by when the works on the stretch of the sanctioned National

Highways falling in various district of Andhra Pradesh are likely to commence and to be completed.

- (b) whether the funds have since been allocated for the said projects;
- (c) if so, the quantum thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Fifty works sanctioned on the stretches of National Highways falling in various district of Andhra Pradesh are under progress and likely to be completed by September, 2009. In addition, there are sixteen sanctioned works which are yet to be awarded.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 484.55 crore has been allocated for the development of National Highways including the above mentioned projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07.

(d) Does not arise.

NH-76 in Rajasthan

†372. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stretch between Baran to Shivapur on National Highway No. 76 in Rajasthan has not been converted into four-lane road so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that all whether C.D. works have also not been carried out on this stretch of the said National Highway; and

(c) if so, by when all this work would be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) The work of 4-laning of the stretch between Baran to Shivapuri is under progress and is likely to be completed by April, 2008. The CD works are also being undertaken along with the highway construction.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.